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FOR AMB ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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WIRES: AFTERNOON WIRES EX CAIRO: SCHWEID-"SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS LATEST MIDDLE EAST PEACE MISSION, APPEARED TODAY TO LEAVE OPEN THE DOOR FOR EVENTUAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA LEADERSHIP.

HE WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES & ENCOURAGE PROGRESS WHEREVER THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS,' KISSINGER SAID AFTER A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT.

THEN THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE LEFT FOR RIYADH, SAUDI

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ARABIA.

YASIR ARAFAT, HEAD OF THE PLO, THE LEADING GUERRILLA GROUP, WAS IN CAIRO THROUGHOUT KISSINGER'S 18-HOUR STAY & MET WITH SADAT ON TUESDAY BEFORE THE AMERICAN ARRIVED. BUT STATE

ROBERT ANDERSON REPEATEDLY DENIED THAT KISSINGER OR HIS AIDES WOULD SEE ARAFAT.

DESPITE ANDERSON'S DENIALS OF A MEETING IN CAIRO, NEWSMEN IN THE KISSINGER PARTY INTERPRETED THE SECRETARY'S REMARK TO MEAN THERE MAY BE U.S. PALESTINIAN MEETINGS LATER.

IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT FORD'S PRESS SECRETARY SAID THE PRESIDENT STANDS BEHIND A STATEMENT HE MADE IMPLYING THE U.S. MIGHT SUPPORT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PLO. FORD HAD SAID THERE MUST BE MOVEMENT TOWARD SETTLEMENT 'BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN OR THE PLO.' END SCHWEID

EX RIYADH: UPI DANILOFF LEADS HAK BOLSTERED BY STRONG STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM SADAT ARRIVED RIYADH TO DISCUSS ME PEACE & OIL PRICES. U.S. OFFICIALS SAID EGYPT APPEARED READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL ON FURTHER WITHDRAWALS IN SINAI. BUT IF EGYPT NEGOTIATES ALONE, IT MIGHT APPEAR TO BE STRIKING A SEPARATE DEAL, ISOLATING SYRIA. THE OFFICIALS SAID EGYPT WOULD HAVE TO MANEUVER CAREFULLY BETWEEN POSITION OF SYRIA, PLO, AND USSR. OFFICIALS SAID MOSCOW APPEARS TO BE UNDERMINING HAK'S EFFORTS IN CALLING FOR RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

EX AMMAN: UPI REPORTS HAK ARRIVAL IN JORDAN WITH STRAIGHT-FORWARD COVERAGE OF ARRIVAL STATEMENTS BY HAK AND SAQQAF.

RADIO: SCHWEID-CAIRO: "ONE DOOR KISSINGER SEEMED TO LEAVE OPEN IS EVENTUAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE PLO. HE SAID HE WILL REMAIN IN ACTIVE CLOSE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES AND ENCOURAGE PROGRESS WHENEVER THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS."

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TV. ABC NEWS, 20 MINUTES INTO SHOW: REASONER: "ABC DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT TED KOPPEL REPORTS THAT A HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SOVIET DETERMINATION TO BLOCK A U.S. SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI DIFFICULTIES. THE OFFICIAL, KOPPEL REPORTS, BELIEVES THAT U.S. SOVIET DETENTE ITSELF IS THREATENED. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS IN AMMAN, JORDAN, TONIGHT, AFTER A BRIEF STOP-OVER IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR TALKS ON ME

PROBLEMS. EARLIER, IN CAIRO, KISSINGER HAD AN ENCOURAGING MEETING WITH PRES. SADAT. SADAT TOLD NEWSMEN HE SUPPORTS KISSINGER'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARDS ACHIEVING A LASTING AND JUST PEACE IN THE ME."

NBC - NO TRIP COVERAGE

CBS - 13 MINUTES INTO THE PROGRAM: CRONKITE: "AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SEEMS TO BE INCHING TOWARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE PLO IS A FORCE TO BE RECOGNIZED IN THE ME. THE PRESIDENT'S NEWS SECRETARY, IN A WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT TODAY, SAID MR. FORD "ABSOLUTELY" STANDS BY HIS REMARK OF LAST WEEK, THAT THERE MUST BE MOVEMENT TOWARD A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN OR THE PLO. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, IN CAIRO ON HIS LATEST ME PEACE MISSION, RAISED SPECULATION THAT THERE MAY BE A US-PLO MEETING BY SAYING: 'WE WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ALL THE PARTIES AND ENCOURAGE PROGRESS WHEREEVER THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS.' "

KALB: IT WAS EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO TODAY THAT KISSINGER ARRIVED IN CAIRO FOR THE FIRST TIME, PRE-DISENGAGEMENT, PRE-SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. SINCE THEN, HE'S BECOME A COMMUTER, A FIXTURE ON THE LANDSCAPE OF THE ME. HIS ARRIVAL THIS TIME WAS CLOUDED BY THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, SUDDENLY THRUST INTO CENTER STAGE BY THE RABAT SUMMIT MEETING. DURING HIS TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI, KISSINGER GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE EGYPTIANS WERE READY, DESPITE RABAT, TO ENGAGE IN NEW NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL OVER FURTHER WITHDRAWALS IN THE SINAI. DURING HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, BUNDLED UP BECAUSE OF A BAD COLD, THIS IMPRESSION SEEMED TO HARDEN INTO A STRONG BELIEF. SADAT GAVE THE SECRETARY AN UNUSUALLY WARM EN-
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DORSEMENT, A BIG PLS FOR THE NITED STATES IN ITS CONTEST WITH RUSSIA FOR INFLUENCE IN THE OIL AND POLITICS OF THE ME. KISSINGER WAS EQUALLY ENCOURAGING. TO BOLSTER SADAT'S POSITION, KISSINGER PROMISED TO PROVIDE EGYPT WITH 200,000 TONS OF WHEAT AND SORGHUM UNDER THE PL-480 PROGRAM. THIS, IN ADDITION TO 100,000 TONS PROVIDED A FEW MONTHS AGO. TOTAL VALUE ABOUT \$55 MILLION. THE TERMS OF A NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATION ARE STILL MURKY, AT LEAST TO AN OUTSIDER. BUT KISSINGER THINKS HE KNOWS WHAT'S POSSIBLE AND WHAT'S REALISTIC. HIS STOP IN ISRAEL TOMORROW EVENING IS NOW CRUCIAL. CRONKITE: "FROM CAIRO, KISSINGER FLEW TO SAUDI ARABIA AND THEN TO JORDAN FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY."

NOTE: LATE SCHWEID LEAD EX RIYADH REPORTS PLEDGE BY

SAUDI ARABIA TO TRY TO HOLD THE LINE ON OIL PRICES, OR
WORK FOR A NOMINAL CUT AT A OIL-PRODUCER MEETING IN
VIENNA NEXT MONTH. INGERSOLL

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